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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF

ELECTRON BEAM APPARATUS

AND SPACER, AND)
ELECTRON BEAM APPARATUS:

August 11, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

REMARKS

A concise explanation of relevance for the listed Japanese laid-open patent applications can be found on the following respective pages of the substitute specification:

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<u>Document</u>	Specification Page
2-257551	6
4-28137	6
64-31332	6
3-55738	7
57-118355	29
61-124031	29
8-180821	30

An English language Abstract obtained from a commercial database is attached to each of the respective Japanese documents for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicant notes that U.S. Patent No. 5,682,085 is listed in the same patent family as the JP 4-28137 document.

Applicant further notes that U.S. Patent No. 5,569,974 is listed in the same patent family as the JP 3-55738 document.

A concise explanation of relevance for the <u>H.</u>

<u>Araki, et al.</u> document can be found on page 2 of the substitute specification and/or in the corresponding English summary on page 22 of the <u>H. Araki, et al.</u> document itself.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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